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1. By agreement with the USSR, Communist China has assumed the leadership of all Asiatic nations. The Soviet Union recognizes Chinese hegemony in the Far East, since Soviet ideas are being carried out there in any case.
2. The Asiatic Cominform was formed under Chinese leadership as a strictly Asiatic Communist organization. It is completely divorced from the European Cominform. The two organizations receive separate orders from the USSR¹ which has separate policies concerning the Far East and Europe. The Chinese intervention in China, for example, would never influence Soviet policies towards Europe.
3. Before June 1950, the Chinese Communist government had formed a pact for mutual assistance with the North Korean government. Just before the invasion of South Korea by North Korea of 25 June China repeated her pledge of assistance if she were needed. China had orders to intervene in Korea at the time of the Inchon landings, but Chinese troops could not be mobilized in time to do so.
4. Beginning in April 1951, the Chinese Communist government has reviewed the pact of assistance with North Korea. Because of heavy Chinese Communist losses and miscalculations as to the end of the war, China has a new interpretation of the pact: to aid North Korea only to the extent that the war is confined to Korea. China will take no chances on provoking the United States into bombing Manchuria or China proper or into furnishing logistical support to Chinese Nationalist troops for an invasion of the China mainland.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. This is as received; no further explanation was furnished

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